

Late night runners go the distance at Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex



HANNAH HUNSINGER | THE COLLEGIAN

Late night exercisers run the indoor track at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex on Thursday night.

Snyder endorses Sen. Pat Roberts

BY SHELTON BURCH
THE COLLEGIAN

Head football coach Bill Snyder, has endorsed Republican Sen. Pat Roberts in the race for the U.S. Senate in this year's election, according to an article by the Topeka Capital Journal.

A political advertisement that began airing Thursday, includes a clip in which Snyder is asked who he will vote for in the coming election, according to the article.

"My good friend, Pat Roberts, of course," Snyder said in the endorsement.

Snyder has remained distant from politics in the past. In 2006, former Gov. Kathleen Sebelius asked him if he was interested in running for lieutenant governor. If Snyder had ran, he would have taken over as governor when Sebelius became the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services in 2009. Instead, he stayed away from political office.

According to a Real Clear Politics poll, Roberts trails democratic challenger Greg Orman by .9 points as of Oct.26.

Riley County food insecurity worse than Kansas average

BY MIKHAYLA DEMOTT
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The food insecurity rate is significantly higher in Riley County compared to the rest of the state of Kansas. This is measured on a rating scale of how bad food insecurity is from 1-10, with ten being the the highest rate of food security. Riley County at 5.3 while the Kansas averages at 7.5. The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as meaning "consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year."

So, to address the questions why the rate of food insecurity is so high and what can be done to fix this problem, we find many answers close to home. The Staley School of Leadership Studies has gone to great lengths working to help food insecurity in the county.

The school partners with the Flint Hills Breadbasket. This partnership has been established for almost 13 years, with the school working to raise money and collect cans from the community, according to Kerry Priest, assistant professor in the school.

LEAD 212, the introductory class in the school, takes on the responsibility of Cats 4 Cans, a project that allows students the opportunity to collect cans in the community for the Flint Hills Bread Basket. Last year the LEAD 212 students collected 15,978 pounds and \$1,635.30 for the Flint Hills Breadbasket and it continues to grow every year, according to

the K-State website.

"This is a great project to teach our students about service learning and, specifically, that can collection is minor piece to the puzzle, but really does make a huge difference," Priest said.

Lynda Bachelor, project coordinator in the school, gave answers to fixing the problem as well as why food insecurity is so high here.

"The way we address this problem is to increase food pantries/banks as well as mobile food pantries and that will lead to regular meals for the impoverished and finally, food policies need to be put

important because the Breadbasket "doesn't receive any federal, state, county or city funding."

"We're totally funded by the graciousness of people that live in Manhattan," Kieffer said. "That's why I can't say thank you to them enough because they're the ones that make all this work."

Students have also become passionate about the issue of food insecurity and have taken initiative to help outside of just class requirements. Shandell Gallardo, senior in public relations with a minor in leadership studies, is currently a class leader for a LEAD 212 class and is also interning at

businesses downtown, there's the private individual donors," Kieffer said. "All those pieces make the puzzle complete. So we couldn't do it without any one of those areas."

In addition to donors and contributors, volunteers are also a large part of the process at the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Kieffer said she wants to emphasize how helpful and necessary the volunteers are, and how many people the Breadbasket has grown to help in the past few years.

"I think for anyone that comes down here and volunteers, they see that the need is truly here and we couldn't do it without the volunteers that come here because, again, when I came in May of (2011), we were helping around 11,000 people and now we are helping over 25,000 people and we could never do it without the volunteers that come in here and make everything happen," Kieffer said.

So while food insecurity is lower than the state average, K-State, the Flint Hills Breadbasket and the Manhattan community are working to make that less of a problem.

"I just want to say thank you to the Manhattan community," Kieffer said. "I'm always so humbled by how gracious they are to help us here at the Breadbasket. We do have accountability for our clients that use the Breadbasket and, again, Manhattan is just phenomenal. I don't know that there's any other town in the state, in Kansas, that is as phenomenal as the people that live here in Manhattan and take care of their own."

"We are helping over 25 thousand people and we could never do it without the volunteers that come in here and make everything happen,""

MARIBETH KIEFFER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLINT HILLS BREADBASKET

in place," Bachelor said.

Surrounding regions have already developed food policies to further treat this problem. Riley County is part of a region that has yet to develop any policies.

"There has been a food policy council put in place and (they) are working diligently on coming up policies," Bachelor said.

According to Maribeth Kieffer, executive director for the Flint Hills Breadbasket, donations are

The Flint Hills Breadbasket.

"In order to treat this problem effectively, other organizations are involved," Gallardo said. "The Flint Hills Breadbasket partners with five churches and Harvesters; it is totally a collaborative effort."

Kieffer said that the help from the entire community is what helps to fix this issue.

"There are so many different departments at K-State that make this happen, and then there's the

SGA chooses new election commissioner

BY CATHERINE CAFFERA
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Sarah Haley was the obvious choice for the election commissioner position. In fact, she was the only choice. Even after the application deadline was extended by two weeks, Haley was the only applicant for the position, which she was announced as winning at Thursday's Student Governing Association meeting. Haley's colleagues said that did not diminish the confidence they had in her as she was sworn in Thursday.

"The thing about the electoral commissioner is that you need to be someone who can get students excited about voting and who cares about voting enough that they're willing to remove themselves from supporting a particular candidate," said Hope Faflick, senior in political science and Student Senator for Arts and Sciences, who said she has known Haley for four years.

"Sarah is so driven about SGA and so passionate about students and student government at K-State that she'll do a good job," Faflick said.

Haley said she wants to break down some of the barriers between the SGA and the K-State student body.

"What I really want to do with this position is extend it to people who haven't had that much experience in SGA,"

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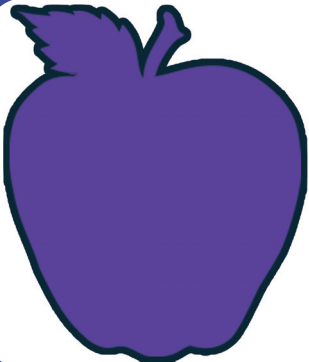
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tribution of hallucinogens or marijuana; two counts for the sale or purchase of a communications facility for drugs, criminal use of weapons, possession of paraphernalia to grow and distribute marijuana and the use or possession of paraphernalia with intent for use in the human body.

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By Dave Green

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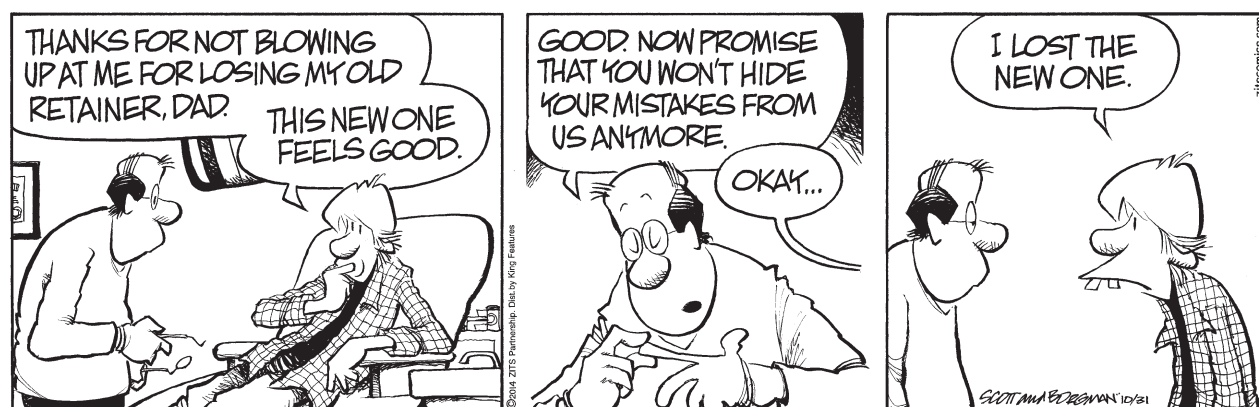
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Purebred Beef Unit offers experience opportunities

By TAYLOR ISLEY
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Students and faculty alike enjoy working and learning at the Purebred Beef Teaching Unit.

The Purebred Beef Teaching Unit located off Kimball Avenue allows students to experience the cattle industry through hands-on work experience and different teaching experience offered at the unit.

The teaching unit runs around 300 breeding age purebred Angus, Hereford, and Simmental cows on 4,000 acres of native bluestem grass outside of town each year. 180 spring calves are currently being raised there, according to Tyler Leonhard, a 2013 K-State alumnus with a degree in animal science.

The unit's mission is "to provide undergraduate students with practical experience in breeding, feeding, management and marketing of purebred seedstock as well as give livestock selection and general animal science courses

es the opportunity to evaluate quality cattle," according to K-State's animal sciences and industry Web page.

Leonhard said he has been the manager and herdsman at the unit for just over a year. He grew up on a small cow-calf operation and backgrounding yard. Backgrounding is putting cattle on a high roughage diet such as wheat pasture to allow them a chance to grow and acclimate before being put in a higher intensity feed yard where they will be finished out for beef.

During his time at K-State, Leonhard said he has worked at the Beef Cattle Research Center and the Purebred Beef Teaching Unit, as well as having an internship at a large-scale feed yard. After he graduated he was in feed sales and consulting until he came back to manage the teaching unit.

Jesse Page, senior in agricultural economics, works at the unit as a student worker. He has been there two years and said he thoroughly enjoys his work.

"The unit has a good reputation for being centered on students," Page said.

Page said although he is taking 22 credit hours, he can still work at the teaching unit gaining real world cattle experience because of the flexible scheduling.

"I have great students employed here, but we continually strategize how to best accomplish jobs and objectives with the schedules my students have," Leonhard said.

According to Page, working at the teaching unit is like taking an animal science class and being paid for it. He said he has really enjoyed and benefited from meeting many faculties as they teach or work on things such as reproductive technologies.

"The most rewarding part for me is the student interaction we have," Leonhard said. "Whether it is visiting judging teams, (K-State) students, or FFA and 4-H kids, our cattle help hundreds of young people further their knowledge throughout the year."

One of the classes cattle are utilized in is Livestock Sales Management. Nicole

Armbrister, senior in animal science and industry, said she took this class last year.

"The class is a yearlong, we work the last half of the first semester and the first half of the second semester learning about how sales are put on successfully and then helping with the the Legacy Sale," Armbrister said.

Armbrister said many students that take this class also work at the unit, so they are involved in clipping the cattle to get them sale ready. On sale day everyone is involved by working at the buyers' table setting buyers up with a bidder number and with settling the bill after the sale, pushing bulls up to the sale ring or helping move cattle.

There are 10 students employed at the unit currently, according to Leonhard and Page.

"It is great to get other perspectives from around the country through working with my fellow K-Staters and co-workers," Page said. "It is a fun atmosphere working with other young people who are passionate about cattle."

Dietitian said kids can have a little candy on Halloween

Sandy Procter, assistant professor of human nutrition, said kids should be allowed to have some candy on Halloween, but she also emphasized that parents should still make sure their children are not eating too much.

"(Parents should) prioritize so that candy is not the main focus of Halloween," Procter said.

Halloween is a time for costumes and running around with glow-sticks, Procter said. Kids would be just as happy with a limit on candy that should be discussed not only around Halloween, but also all year. By parents talking with their children about moderation and healthy choices, kids are learning to self-moderate, according to Procter. With a healthy diet all year long, kids should be able to indulge in a few pieces of candy on Halloween.

Riley County holds forum on Ebola safety, education commissioner candidates announced

Tuesday and Wednesday, Riley County and other health officials gathered to host a forum to educate on Ebola prevention and spotting it early. Jason Orr, public health emergency preparedness coordinator, spoke to educate Riley County about the steps being taken to prevent an Ebola outbreak in the area.

Symptoms, according to the Little Apple Post, take about eight to ten days to appear. Orr suggested avoiding contact with anyone or anything who may have Ebola, which is spread through bodily fluid contact, such as blood, vomit or contact with an animal or object that was exposed to the virus.

Orr also mentioned precautionary measures put in place in case of an outbreak. Hazardous materials have been distributed to hospitals, according to the Little Apple Post. Also if a person has a 100.4 degree temperature and had recently traveled to an area that has an Ebola problem should be reported to the Kansas Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control immediately.

Ten graduate students win annual research forum

According to News and Communications Services, Tuesday, K-State hosted the Research and the State forum, in which ten graduate students were selected to present their Kansas-related research at the 12th Capitol Graduate Research Summit in 2015.

Thirty-seven graduate students from five colleges represented 15 departments in the Research and the State. All the winners received \$250 scholarships and the chance to present their research to Kansas legislators. Two students will be selected from each college to receive a \$500 scholarship.

According to News and Communications Services, the research being presented are diverse in topic but all focus on important issues to Kansas such as animal health, nutritional quality of grain products, food safety and more.

compiled by Kelsey Kendall

Haunted house features Face Off competitor

By JANELLE FELDMANN
THE COLLEGIAN

For three years, Zombie Toxin Haunted House in Junction City has been providing its customers with a scare for Halloween. Though this time of the year is always busy for the attraction, this Halloween is different for Zombie Toxin.

According to Damien Zimmerman, art director for Zombie Toxin, this year's production is projected to be "much bigger than previous years."

This expectation is partially due to Zimmerman's newfound fame. Zimmerman is currently a contestant on the seventh season of Syfy's competition show "Face Off."

This completely self-taught, Kansas native competes in Los Angeles against fellow prosthetic make-up artists from across the country. According to the Syfy website, Zimmerman learned these make-up talents through watching videos.

The contestants must display their creativity and skill in constructing quality characters within the specific requirements of each task. Each contestant hopes to be the last one standing to receive prizes, including \$100,000.

Zombie Toxin is underway with potentially their busiest Halloween yet, according to Rob Blanken of Junction City.

"Being on 'Face Off' has brought (Zimmerman) an immeasurable amount of attention to us; it has brought a significant amount of attention to what we do," Blanken said. "I anticipate that we'll get people from very long distances coming out to see his work in action."

This year, Zimmerman will be displaying his nationally recognized talents for Junction City visitors. He will be giving make-up demonstrations outside Zombie Toxin, a way of entertaining the customers while they wait in line.

(Zimmerman is) a very kind and caring person, and also very determined and ad-

amant about his efforts of his labor," Blanken said. "He wants them to be perfect."

This Halloween season, Zimmerman encourages people to check out what Zombie Toxin has to offer. He denounces the reputation of the "rinky dink" haunted houses typically associated with small towns. Zimmerman promises that Zombie Toxin prides itself in quality attractions, which he described as Disney World worthy.

"(We) spend a lot of time making sure our sets are movie quality and our props are movie quality," Zimmerman said.

Sara Whalen, instructor of communication studies and avid Halloween enthusiast, visited Zombie Toxin this October for the third year in a row. She described her time there as "a wonderful experience overall, exciting from the start."

"The amount of effort really shows," Whalen said. "The scenery and the sets are like no other haunted house I've ever been in."

The haunted house also sets itself apart from others because of its workers. Many of the members of the staff are not the usual haunted house workers. The volunteer staff comes from Fort Riley. Zombie Toxin partners with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, to promote interaction between the soldiers of Fort Riley and the surrounding communities. Whalen said she noticed the unique volunteers and how involved they were.

"It seems like the actors he hires too really love what they're doing and they give it 110 percent every time," Whalen said.

The soldiers work to put on the Zombie Toxin and in turn, the business helps support Fort Riley and its soldiers.

Zombie Toxin takes customers on a tour through the home of Dr. Von Monschture. According to legend, the doctor's goal was to discover the secret to immortality. The house is full of the doctor's experiments, equipment and victims.





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Halloween is the best holiday for college students



LOGAN FALLETTI
THE COLLEGIAN

College students should be like a reverse Jack Skellington from “The Nightmare Before Christmas.” Instead of abandoning the scary stories in favor of Christmas carols, we should be embracing the fall holiday. Although it doesn’t come with a break from school or presents, it comes with freedom and lightheartedness that is hard to find when students have final exams, travel, gift buying and dangerous weather during later holidays.

Unlike Christmas or Easter, Halloween is divorced from its original religious meaning. It’s like Saint Patrick’s Day with costumes, or April Fool’s with jack-o-lanterns. There’s no ceremony, no rules and only one tradition: trick-or-treat. Whatever that means for you as an adult, you should do it. Who decides what is childlike, anyway? Adults do. Which means we can take a little time to ourselves in this age between going door-to-door for candy and taking our own children out. Whoever said holidays belong strictly in the realm of children did not get enough candy in their plastic pumpkin as a child.

Forbes estimated that two out of three adults feel that the holiday is not just for children anymore. I don’t either – Halloween is one of the few holidays where you don’t have to make elaborate plans to

visit all your relatives. There’s no list of every cousin that needs a present. Everyone just gets candy. You don’t even have the pressure to get belligerently drunk if that’s not your style. Fall staples like cider, hot chocolate and the reigning king of fall – pumpkin spice lattes – dominate the usually saturated weekends.

There’s little to no debate over Halloween beliefs. It doesn’t have the “Happy Holidays vs. Merry Christmas” debate that later holidays have. Even if you are part of the 18 percent of people reported by Pew Research to believe in ghosts, no

one is likely to fight you over your views. The Christian faith doesn’t exactly endorse Halloween, but usually allows followers to participate in the festivities if they attend the All Saint’s Day service on Nov. 1. The original pagan and Celtic views that turned harvest festival Samhain into modern Halloween are not widely practiced. Unless you actually do resurrect an ancient person at your seance, there’s no one to offend.

The most controversial facet of adult Halloween is the slutty cos-

tume. The sexualization of younger girls around this time of year is a hugely apparent problem, but we aren’t talking about the little ones. College students are full-fledged, consenting adults. If you can brave the icy howling winds of late October, you wear those fishnet tights with pride. Although you should stay away from racist caricatures like the recent crop of blackface Ray Rice couples and Dia de los Muertos sugar skull appropriation, showing some skin won’t kill you. Ladies in tutus and corsets, you deserve applause.

Shirtless dudes, flex a little. You made (or paid money that you made) for those costumes. There’s no shame in dressing up for a weekend.

The average person spent \$28.65 on a Halloween costume in 2012. Some pre-packaged costumes from popular lingerie and costume vendor Yandy can range from \$30 to multiple hundreds of dollars. Candy for trick-or-treaters (and ourselves, in between those visits) will run us \$22 more. Festive drink mixers like Fulton’s Harvest Pumpkin Pie Cream Liqueur and Hiram Walker Pumpkin Spice Liqueur will cost \$12.99 each, according to the Fridge Wholesale Liquor. Some have said it’s excessive, but I’ve spent hundreds more on Christmas presents. How dare we as paying adults contribute to a \$8 billion dollar industry? I’ve bought six rolls of tulle from Hobby Lobby this year. No vendor has ever complained to me.

The economic benefit is obvious in retail, but it also promotes agriculture. Seasonal workers that staff haunted houses number around 100,000 each year. According to the Haunted Houses Association, there are around 2,000 of these attractions operating annually in the U.S. Especially here in the wheat state, we know the importance of agri- and eco-tourism.

Halloween is a no strings attached holiday. We need more of those in our stressful lives. Take advantage of the night and let your freak flag fly.

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Take high road: Just walk away from inflammatory comments, instigators



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THE COLLEGIAN

At Bosco Student Plaza Tuesday, I thought I was seeing something out of a movie. An odd looking man was surrounded by a crowd yelling obscenities, trying their hardest to provoke him. “This can’t be happening at K-State,” I thought. “No way a group that preaches ‘family’ and prides themselves in accepting others would act like this.”

The sad truth was that they were.

In the 30 minutes I was there, I was continually baffled by the crowd of about a hundred people’s antics. As a photographer and editor of The Collegian I am not new to these kinds of crowds. It began with groups of people going up and taking selfies with the man. People thought they were being funny. They weren’t. Making fun of others may not harm anyone physically, but it’s still a form of bullying. K-State’s

official discrimination policy defines harassment as “conduct toward a person or persons based on race, color, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, ancestry, disability, genetic information, military status or veteran status that: has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work (or educational) environment.” While the actions of the crowd do not violate the policy since it was not a work, housing or academic environment – the K-State Student Union is a separate entity from the university itself – it probably would if it happened in one of those environments. The harassment didn’t stop there though.

Next, two women entered the ring of protestors and kissed in front of the preacher. I am in favor of same-sex marriage and have a sister that identifies as gay, so by no means was I offended by the action. No, what really bothered me was the evidence that these women thought it was okay to go up and provoke a man that was not doing anything to them but sharing his beliefs. Does no one follow the golden rule anymore? To be fair, the man did yell “burn!” after witnessing the kiss. It was closely followed by laughs and cheers from the crowd. The women were look-

ing to antagonize the man and the crowd thought it was okay to yet again make fun of those who do not share their beliefs.

Emotions peaked when a man decided to steal the preacher’s hat. His action was met with more positive screaming. The police were quick to react and eventually made the man return the hat with an apology. That situation could have escalated frighteningly easily. Yet again I was left wondering, “Why do people think this is okay? Would they act this way

if he was talking about civil rights, or more current Christian ideas?” Probably not.

Our society lately seems to think people can’t have differing views than them. The man sharing his religious views is just the tip of the iceberg. What happened to respecting the fact people have different views than you, however strange or radical? What happened to ignoring something that isn’t harming you? It’s a sad society we live in that we can’t all agree to disagree.

But not all hope is lost. I did hear about one man who was the bigger person and walked away.

A friend of Middle Eastern descent shared his experience with me from that day. He said he was walking through Bosco Plaza when the man called him over.

“No thanks, I’m already deep in the Muslim faith,” he said.

The preacher proceeded to call him a terrorist as he walked away. Out of all the people I

saw that day, he is the only one I heard that was actually attacked without provocation. He did the most grown-up thing: ignored the comment and walked away.

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Fundamentalist Christian preacher, **Jed Smock**, preaches in Bosco Student Plaza as students listen, protest and argue on Tuesday afternoon. Smock comes to K-State every year to preach and also travels to other universities around the country.

Street Talk

Compiled by Cassandra Nguyen

Q: “If you could switch lives with a celebrity for one day, who would it be and why?”



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“I would be either Michelle Obama or Beyoncé because it would be awesome to experience the lives of one of the most powerful women in our country.”



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“Russell Brand only because he’s musical, charming, witty and British.”

Dead Men's Drive

A scary story by Steven Miller, graduate student in English

I have this recurring dream where I get sent to hell, which is weird because I don't even believe in hell.

It must be something primordial, must come from the same place all myths come from deep down inside. In the dream I'm torn apart by demons or what-have-you, but it isn't all in a rush. They don't devour me or tear my body to shreds. What they do is methodical. They clip my eyelids off, pluck out all of my hairs, and then start with the tough stuff—pulling out my teeth. Next they take off my skin, but they don't skin me like you might skin a deer. They take away my skin the way you'd take apart an old dish rag: One. Thread at a time. They make it last for days. And the pain is very real.

I know that I had this nightmare this morning because I woke up in a panic. My shirt was soaked with a cold sweat and my heart was beating so hard the veins in my neck felt tight. But that's all over now because tonight is Casino Night.

After I dropped out of college, I got a job at the phone company. It's good money. Especially for someone who majored in binge-drinking with a minor in occasionally going to class hung over. That's where I met Frank, a bearded, jolly guy who could be a young Saint Nicholas. The first Friday of the month is our pay day. So on those nights we go straight from work to the casino in Topeka. I drive us there in my truck, then drive him home to Blue Rapids, and then finally drive myself back to Manhattan. It isn't a short trip, and it's only made longer by the fact that we both like our alcohol and so take back roads whenever we can.

Frank always pays for his share of the gas the same way—with a fifth of something strong. Tonight it's a bottle of Captain Morgan rum. Sweet but potent. We finish half the bottle off on the drive into Topeka. I tuck the rest of the bottle behind my seat for the week to come. Then it's

complimentary cocktails all night while we burn through a few hundred bucks at Texas Hold'em and Pai Gow.

These Fridays are the feast after the famine—that alcohol-free stretch that comes right before payday. We feast so much that I need a large coffee just to stay awake for the drive home. That and the scary stories.

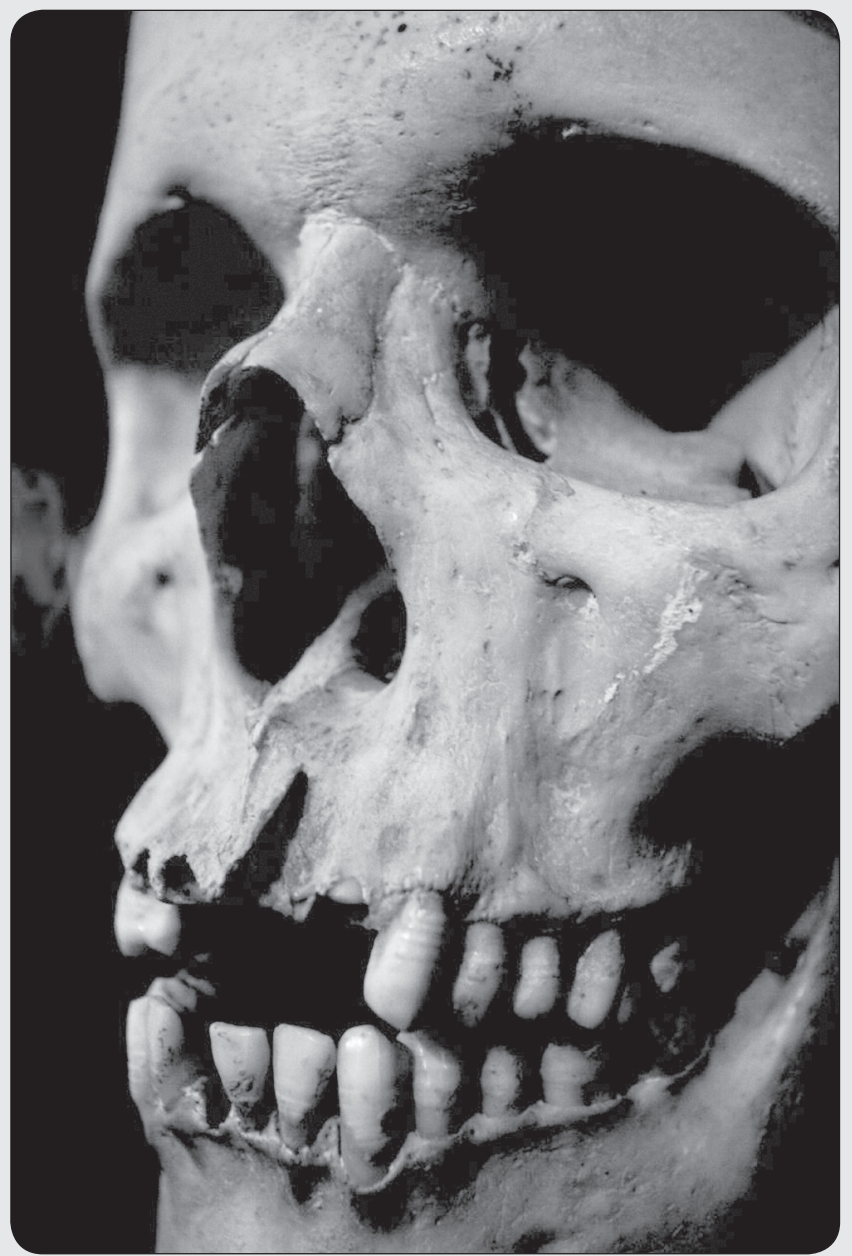
The stories started a year ago. Frank is always nervous about me passing out behind the wheel. Kansas back roads are known for pot holes and deer crossings and fallen tree branches nobody has come across yet. Plus, around four in the morning, they're totally abandoned. They're the kind of road that when someone pulls up behind you, you think you're being stalked. So one night he started describing the plot to "Rosemary's Baby," shot by shot. It kept me spooked, which also meant it kept me awake. Now it's a tradition.

We've barely pulled out of the gas station parking lot, when I ask, "So what ya got for me? I think I'm going to need something real gruesome tonight." The way I get Frank is pretending to be drunker than I am.

"I thought we could do it a little different," Frank replies. "And tell only true stories."

Mostly when we go back and forth like this, a remarkable amount of our stories are torn right out of the pages of Stephen King novels and "Twilight Zone" episodes. We tell the same urban legends we've been telling since middle school camp fires. We rely on the memory of past fears more than anything. When that doesn't work, one of us will scream, "Why's that lady covered in blood!" Or ask breathlessly, "What's that behind you? I'm not kidding..." But tonight is all fact, no fiction.

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Cross country heads east for Big 12 Championships

By Emilio Rivera
The Collegian

Throughout the season, the K-State cross country team has been preparing for racing when it matters most and that time has come for coach Ryun Godfrey's squad.

Both the men's and women's teams travel to Lawrence this weekend to take part in the Big 12 Championships.

The women's team come into the competition being ranked No. 7 in the Midwest region. However, K-State is not the only women's team that falls in the USTFCCCA Top 30. Iowa State falls at No. 6 and West Virginia is at No. 9 while Oklahoma State and Baylor are ranked No. 21 and No. 28, respectively.

"The Midwest region is a difficult region, to move up to seventh is pretty great," Godfrey said. "It's a good thing to be recognized like that."

Being ranked gives the Wildcats runners confidence in their training and performance and helps to alleviate stress that they face going into such an important meet.

"(Being ranked) takes the pressure off, no one expects anything from you," sophomore Morgan Wedekind, said. "I think as a team, our team runs better when there is not as much pressure, we just perform better when we're not stressed out."

The Big 12 competition will be the first time the Wildcats will compete against all of the conference teams. It will serve as somewhat of a measuring stick against some of the best competition to date.

"The Big 12 is obviously a pretty tough conference too," Godfrey said. "We're probably about the fifth



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Mady Nestor, freshman, and Morgan Wedekind, sophomore, run during a morning cross country practice on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014.

best team, but that's on paper. Hopefully we can show up and move into fourth or third."

With most of the runners either coming from Kansas or running in

the race before, the race being in Lawrence will help give K-State an edge due to their experience. Rim Rock is a course most Kansas high school cross country runners run on

at least once.

"I like the fact that we're in Lawrence," Wedekind said. "We're close to home so we don't have to worry about having to travel for

hours. We've all seen the course, so we know what to expect. Even the high school girls have run Rim Rock, so our new freshmen have it as well."



K-State women's tennis travels to Houston to close out fall competition

By Stephen Brunson
The Collegian

After less than a week of preparation, K-State head coach Danielle Steinberg will send eight women to compete in the Jason's Deli Collegiate Invitational in Houston, Texas.

The trip will be the last for the Wildcats this fall as they prepare for a break until Jan. 17.

K-State will stick with the same squad of six as they did in Des Moines, Iowa last week with the addition of two sophomores,

Sara Castellano and Palma Juhasz.

After picking up 15 singles wins last week in Des Moines, the Wildcats are led in their singles play by sophomore Iva Bago, who has coined a five-game win streak dating back to the first tournament of the season in September. She carries a mark this season of 7-2.

In addition, K-State will need singles help from their sophomore pair Castellano and Juhasz. Castellano brings a 6-3 record to the table after making it to the semi-finals in Stillwater, Oklahoma two weeks ago at the ITA Regional Championships. Juhasz brings in a mark at 5-3.

Leading in doubles for the Wildcats is sophomore Riley Nizzi. She went 4-0 last weekend at the Drake Jamboree and will be complimented by the duo of Castellano and Juhasz, who carry a overall 4-1 mark this fall.

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Freshman **Maria Panaite** returns a low shot from Oklahoma's Morgan Chumney in K-State's loss to the Sooners at the Mike Goss Tennis Stadium March 28, 2014.



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Tricks, treats abound during Halloween festivities for Manhattan residents

By ARIEL CROCKETT
THE COLLEGIAN

Downtown trick-or-treating on Halloween has been a long standing tradition celebrated throughout the Manhattan community. Gone are the days of simple door to door trick-or-treating around your neighborhood. Downtown Manhattan hosts a couple different Halloween festivities to get families in the spooky spirit.

Gina Scroggs, Executive Director of downtown Manhattan, said All Treats Day has been a trick-or-treating tradition in Manhattan for many years that has become even more popular as a result of the new developments around town.

"All Treats Day will be held in downtown Manhattan from 4 to 6 p.m. where families can go walk around to different stores and get treats," Scroggs said.

Unlike last year's event, friends and families will be able to gain the full All Treats Day experience, void of the clutter of construction cones and yellow tape everywhere.

"This year we finished up construction of the Poyntz Avenue Improvement project, so it will be the first time in a while that friends are able to come out and see all of the new renovations and decorations without all the construction going on," Scroggs said.

Scroggs said the event initially started out with about 100 kids showing up but the attendance in recent years has been around 700 to 900 kids coming out to participate.

If participants donate cash or canned goods they also have a chance to get their photo taken for free by J&C Imaging. All donations will go to the Manhattan Emergency Shelter.

Scroggs said participants can hit the shops and restaurants from 4 to 6 p.m. before heading into Manhattan Town Center Mall's

Boo Party.

"Boo Party is our annual indoor trick-or-treating event held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. And what happens is a large line forms at the inner perimeter of the mall and you can go door to door to the stores and go trick-or-treating," Jocelyn Guilfoyle, Manhattan Town Center Mall Marketing Manager, said.

Guilfoyle said downtown's

All Treats Day event and their Boo Party gives families several different trick-or-treating experiences. The Boo Party event is for children ages 12 and under and will also feature a free coloring station in the center court.

In addition to these events, Parks and Recreation will also be holding a trick-or-treat event on Halloween night.

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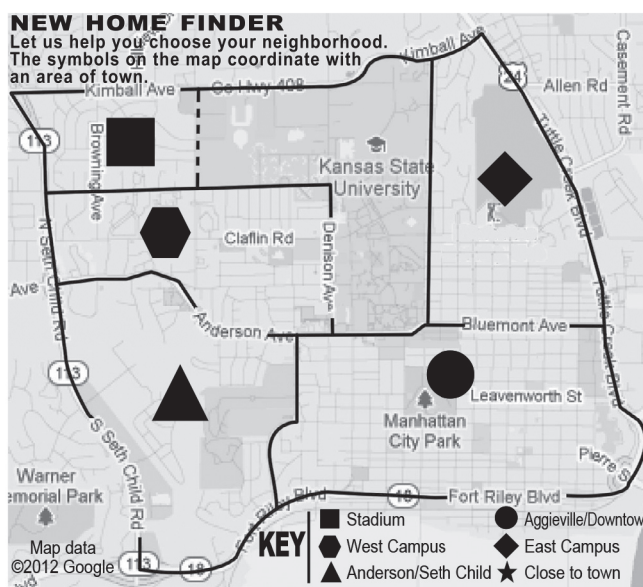
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Dead Men’s Drive

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I say, “Okay,” and then we sit in silence. The dark empty road before us is slick with the first ice of October. A full yellow moon sinks behind us. It’s the kind of moon that grows larger as it sets, and it’s getting closer to the horizon every minute.

“Blood!” Frank hollers. My heart leaps.

I’m about to say, “I thought we weren’t going to do that,” when I see it. Someone has hit a deer. Its blood and body parts are strewn across the concrete in a long streak. “I’ll start,” I say.

I tell him the story of a murder that happened right there in Manhattan when I was a freshman. “Two girls were coming back to their dorm from Aggieville, very late.”

“Drunk?” Frank offers.

“Totally. One of them had brought back a guy, a senior. He’s drunk, too, and handsy. Aggressive. The girls stop at the stairwell and start fighting. The couple wants to go up to the dorm room, but this girl’s roommate wants to pass out. So they compromise: The roommate will put on her noise-canceling headphones and the couple can keep at it. The roommate puts on her headphones and passes out.

“Next morning the guy is gone. He got his and then split, she thinks, but then she tries to wake up her roommate. The girl won’t budge. Then she sees it: Fingermarks all over the girl’s throat. While she had her headphones on, her roommate was being strangled to death.

“She describes the boy to the police, gives them all these details about his major and hometown—things he told them at the bar. But none of it matches. It turns out he isn’t a student at all. The cops never found him.”

Frank shutters, looks behind him, and then says, “Okay, I’ve got one. You ever hear of Stull Cemetery?”

“The ‘Gateway’ to hell?” I ask, using air quotes at the word gateway.

“I’m the youngest in my family. Back in 2002 my oldest brother was at KU, and Lawrence is right next to Stull. One night he O.D.’s on pain killers. He had a real drug problem back then. They rush him to Lawrence Memorial and pump his stomach. They even have to get out the

defibrillator to shock him back to life.”

“Oh man. I had no idea.”

“It’s okay. It was all a long time ago.

I was like twelve. The weird part, though, is that while he was flat-lined or whatever, he had this out of body experience. He found himself in that cemetery, the one in Stull. He’s there with this big stone church and all these headstones and this blood red moon. He leans down to read one of the headstones, but he can’t make it out. Then he gets a little closer, a little closer, and he realizes that it says his name.

“He hears this crash and looks up to see the church crumbling like a sinkhole. Red smoke pours out of the ground and he realizes he’s surrounded by these frail, ghost-white creatures. Their fingernails are jagged and dirty. Their teeth razor sharp. And instead of eyes they only have sockets. They grab his arms and legs and start dragging him toward the hole the church has left in the ground. He claws at the earth, digging his hands into the grass and the dirt, but they just keep dragging him. He can see the long claw marks he’s left as they pull him down toward the hole. They’re about to throw him in when he comes to in a hospital bed.

“So just a nightmare, right? But then he unclenches his fists and dirt falls out. There’s dirt and grass shoved under his fingernails. Some of them have even broken off.”

“Bull,” I say when he’s done.

“No, it’s true. You can ask him. The nail never grew back on his pinky. It’s just...finger.”

“So he clawed up the ground while he was high?” I ask.

“He O.D.’ed in his dorm room.”

Frank says. “He could’ve been outside earlier. I don’t know. But what I do know is he went back to school and sobered up. Now he does Alcoholics Anonymous or Pills Anonymous, one of those.”

“That’s a bit of an overreaction,” I say. Frank doesn’t respond. “Anyway, I don’t believe in hell or that sort of thing. So that one doesn’t really scare me.”

I’m about to launch into my next tale when Frank shouts again. This time it’s “Deer!”

I do next what I absolutely shouldn’t: I swerve. My F-150 flies onto the gravel

shoulder and my heart flies back into my throat. We fishtail and keep going down the road sideways. We nearly roll over on the passenger side but come to a rough stop. The lights flicker off and then back on.

Behind us the deer clomps back into the wheat field from where it came. Inside the cabin we shake and catch our breath. Visions of severed body parts—arms and stumps of leg, arteries squirting fresh blood—flash through my mind. Gore like a ‘70s slasher flick. I pull the rum from behind my seat and take a swig.

“We could’ve died!” I laugh.

Frank laughs too but then adds, “Maybe we did,” before making a haunted house “OOooOOoo.”

“Cut it out, Frank,” I say.

“No really, what if we died and now we’re ghosts?”

I kick the truck into drive. “Okay, you win. You win. Let’s just drive.”

And we do for a while. Almost all the way to Blue Rapids. Not talking. Just staring ahead through the dusty windshield.

“Oh, I almost forgot, 77 has a detour. Take a left up there,” he says, pointing.

“Did you hear the one about the two guys who crashed their truck on this road?”

“Really, I don’t want to play anymore.”

Behind us the full moon drops into the horizon. It has turned a faint red. Ahead of us the new road is nearly pitch black except for our headlights. Luckily it’s paved. The next one he has me turn onto is not.

“Where are you taking me?”

“The back way,” is all he says. Then a few minutes later he continues: “They were coming back from Topeka. Real late. The two of them still pretty drunk.”

“Haha,” I say.

“He had no business being behind the wheel, but he did anyway. Slick roads, poor visibility, a deer. Legend is they still drive this very road every Saturday morning, before the sun rises. Forgetting what has happened to them... until they remember.”

“Really, where are we? I’ve got stuff I’d like to do tomorrow. What way are you taking me?”

“The same way I always do,” he says

and points to a green road sign. It reads: “Dead Men’s Drive.”

You’re okay, I think. It’s all a joke. I turn onto Dead Men’s Drive and follow along in the dark. Then, like so few dirt roads in Kansas do, it starts to curve. It curves to the left—more and more. I turn the wheel so much that we make two or three full circles. Finally it dead ends at the entrance of a small country cemetery.

“A cemetery? Okay, you’ve really outdone yourself this time,” I say.

“Outdone myself?” he asks flatly. “But this is how it always goes. See?” he says and holds up a mangled right hand. The fingers are disjointed so bad that a surgeon wouldn’t even know where to begin. His face is disfigured too. An eyeball dangles from its socket, his mouth full of broken teeth and dark black blood. Part of his neck juts out, broken clean through.

A strange feeling passes over me, a kind of déjà vu, like when you return to your childhood home after moving a dozen times. The strange becomes familiar and I put on this new skin, this skin of someone who has been here a thousand times before.

I look down and see that my own body is maimed. A shard of metal has cut through my torso and exposed my intestines, which flop out of my abdomen. The right arm that has been changing gears all night is completely missing, a frayed stump in its place. I’m almost too afraid to look in the rear-view mirror, but then I do.

My face is scratched too but not as bad. Behind me, though, is the real horror. Crouched in the back seat of the cabin is a spindly, white creature with no eyes and pointed teeth, its mouth gaping open. It pokes out its red tongue, in and out, in and out. Then it growls—a low, primordial, and guttural sound.

“It’s here for us,” I tell Frank.

“Not for me,” he says. “I was just the passenger.” And then his ghostly body disappears.

I take one last look at the demon before he comes at me. Then I remember everything about the last hundred years. I remember that these drives are not the bad part. They are my weekly reprieve. The bad part is about to begin.

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Haley said. “I want ... to have a diverse body in this room.”

Haley added that she plans to work with other student organizations to connect with new students.

“I feel people need to come (to SGA meetings) more, because there’s so much that goes on here but I think (SGA) is kind of distant,” Haley said.

Haley said that even when students have an interest in SGA, many do not know how to become part of it.

“They’re not sure how to be a part of it so my goal is to bridge that gap,” Haley said. “What we do here is so impactful to them.”

Additionally, Haley said she wants students to know they can apply for funding through the Student Governing

Association.

“If they’re aware of what they can gain from (SGA) I think ... they’ll get connected,” Haley said.

Finally, Haley said she plans to simplify the SGA application process “so it’s not some complex thing” but something everyone can understand.

“I’m really excited ... but there’s always room for improvement,” Haley said.

In addition to swearing Haley in, the SGA voted to allocate funds to K-State’s Model UN, which will help send 34 member students to an international Model UN conference.

According to Michael Emley, junior in accounting, attending the conference will not only be beneficial for the students involved but help improve K-State’s image on national collegiate levels.

“They asked for \$1,000 and we recommended \$1,000,” Emley said.

SGA is supporting the National Art Education Association with an allocation of \$700. The money will allow seven members to attend a national convention in New Orleans from March 25-29 in 2015.

The association originally requested \$1,000 for their travel, but since only seven members and not the original ten will be attending the convention, the SGA is recommending \$700.

“We did three things tonight,” Jordan Korb, SGA secretary and sophomore in business administration, said. “We got a new election commissioner, we gave money to Model United Nations and we gave money to the National Art Education.”



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